

Dear FCC, I oppose the petition filed by Mr. Ronald D. Lowrance, K4SX. (RM-10869) Mr.

Lowrance appears to be clutching onto a concept that if the amateur community evolves like the rest of the world it will fill the spectrum with operators with poor operating skills. The only way this would be the case is if Mr. Lowrance and the rest of the amateur community disregarded their responsibility of training those who wish to become amateurs. What Mr. Lowrance fails to realize is that morse code is a thing of the past, it has become a barrier that some otherwise capable and concerned individuals cannot get over due to handicaps that have no bearing on good and sound operating practice. In this day of unsure homeland security, we need good operators more than ever, and this petition would be an impediment to this effort.

Morse Code will continue to exist as long as there are folks who wish to use it, but many of us do not. If we follow the logic that is being used here, perhaps we should also require a test for Hellschreiber! It is a good mode, not used by many, but effective in poor band conditions...

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